

## HORSETHIEF CHARITY FUND

Money Left by "Rustlers" Is Found  
When Old Woman Who Cared  
for It Passed Away.

An interesting story is that of what is known as the "Prescott fund" of Prince William's parish, now parts of Hampton and Beaufort counties, South Carolina. It seems that in the early part of the last century an old woman who lived alone in an isolated portion of what was then Beaufort district was on her deathbed, and sent for a lawyer to draw her will to dispose of the little hut and few acres of land which she had. When she had designated to whom these were to go the lawyer told her that to avoid any legal trouble over her will she should insert a clause disposing of whatever else she might have overlooked. She therefore designated that if there should be found anything else belonging to her undisposed of it should be taken in charge of by a certain prominent citizen of Gillisonville as trustee for the use of the white poor of Prince William's parish. Then she died.

When the old woman's household effects were examined for distribution, as she had directed, a quantity of gold and silver coins, said to amount to about \$40,000, were found under her mattress. It has always been believed that this money had been given to the old woman by horse thieves, who either had died or been run out of the country and had been afraid to return to get it.

About the early part of last century there were several gangs of horse thieves that operated along the coast of Virginia to Florida; and it was from the hanging of some of these men by a mob, headed by a man named Lynch, in Virginia, that the term "lynch law" is said to have been derived. Mrs. Prescott lived in a very isolated part of the district, and it has always been believed that these thieves used to make her house their stopping place and gave her the money to keep, and that she was afraid to tell of its possession even on her deathbed.

## THE MAN-EATERS OF INDIA

Great Tigers Find That Human Beings  
Are Far Easier to Kill and  
Better to Palate.

The "man eater" is the jungle nightmare of India, and numerous are the theories to account for its abnormal appetite. Commonly it is said to be an old tiger which has found game too difficult to bring down, or a sickly tiger which has resorted to man killing in its weakness as the easier method, says Outing. The consensus of opinion among experienced hunters and observers is, however, that a man eater is an ex-cattle killer in conflict with herders, who are often quite brave in defense of their cattle, has discovered how much less work it is to kill a man than cattle, for the cattle killer is usually fat and lazy. Nothing has been found, so far as I have discovered, to suggest appetite for human flesh as the impelling motive, or that man eaters reject all flesh not human, or that the cubs of a man-eating tigress inherit the man-killing propensity. Rather it is a case of contempt for man bred of familiarity, and more often the lust lays hold of the tigress, very likely because in foraging for her cubs (as she does until they begin to hunt for themselves at seven months), and in their defense, she has come more frequently in contact with man; or it may be because the female is more numerous than the male, or because by nature the slyer and more vicious. Certainly she is a fiend incarnate, when every second year she gives birth to cubs, usually two, which do not move about with her until six weeks old; and no doubt her disposition is not improved by the necessity of concealing the youngsters from the tiger, who else would devour them.

### Swallow the Koran.

An official report to the British parliament on the condition of Arabia states that, generally speaking, the natives are in good health, which is rather surprising, considering that they rely when ill on the treatment of a native doctor, who, after examining the patient, writes extracts from the Koran in Arabic on a wooden tablet. The tablet is then washed and the water drunk by the patient.

## PROTECTING SWITZERLAND.

Sympathy for Beautiful Landscape  
Causes Upheaval at Its Disfigurement by Bridges.

A correspondent writing from Zurich says: "We have already reported some time ago how the indignation over the endangering or disfiguring of the beauties of the Swiss landscapes is becoming general throughout the country. Many a splendid Alpine scene has suffered through the construction of inartistic iron bridges, but most especially from the building of rough and ugly industrial factories, which are often very extensive. Formerly this was considered to be an unfortunate necessity, but now it is recognized that it is urgently necessary in putting up such structures to pay due regard to the natural scenery, and further that even the most modest of useful buildings should be arranged with good taste and tact to harmonize with the natural picture. The entirely barbarous recklessness with which the modern spirit treats the venerable beauties of nature may be seen from the desolate appearance of the modern business advertisement which is spread broadcast over places presenting the greatest manifestations of nature disfiguring them with sordid laudations of cream or liquor. The indignation over such displays has finally led to the men and societies that are determined to preserve the beauties in a 'Swiss Union for the Protection of the Home and Country.' The union will be constituted at Berne, and it is specially pointed out that it will in no way act in opposition to modern needs, but that it will only fight against the modern utilitarian standpoint and demand that modern requirements must be satisfied without esthetically damaging the landscape. Further consideration shows, too, that this so-called utilitarian standpoint, when closely examined, is extremely impractical, for if a landscape is once disfigured not only do the inhabitants suffer in health and psychic equilibrium, but the stream of tourists naturally also avoid it, and there is a considerable loss of income affecting nearly all sections of the population."

## HAD A CARPET PLAYGROUND

Auctioneer Stretches Fabric on Sidewalk and Children Romp Over  
It in Gleeful Fashion.

It is not often that Tenth avenue children get a chance to romp on velvet carpets. That opportunity was afforded them the other day by an auctioneer of the neighborhood, says the New York Press. A piece of green carpet that made you feel as though you were walking on moss was stretched for a distance of 20 feet on the sidewalk in front of the auctioneer's store. It lay there for more than two hours. Upon first appearance passersby inclined to turn out and take the street for fear of soiling it; but as the minutes passed and nobody connected with the establishment interfered the timid grew bolder and dared to tread upon the carpet.

They went about it half fearfully at the start. First one foot was set down, tiptoe, then the other followed in the same tentative fashion. Presently the sole of the shoe was allowed to touch the delectable meshes, and by and by the heel descended. After that the trespassers grew brave, and marched right across the patch of velvet as brazenly as if they had been used to carpets three inches thick all their lives.

But it was the children who got the most enjoyment out of the luxury. They swarmed to the spot from adjacent blocks and turned somersaults and played leapfrog till it seemed as if their whole internal composition would be permanently turned upside down. Before that calamity took place, however, two men came out of the store and hauled the carpet in. Why they had paved the sidewalk with it so long was then and still is a mystery.

### Not Necessary.

Maud—I have just received an offer of marriage, which came by post this morning. He said his love for me was very great, but that his income was small.

Marie—What a pity! Whom was it from?

"I really did not notice. That was enough."—Chicago Journal.

## Text of Czar's Manifesto.

The text of the imperial manifesto providing for additional reforms in the Russian empire, is as follows:

We, Nicholas the second, by the grace of God emperor and autocrat of all the Russias, Grand Duke of Finland, etc., declare to all our faithful subjects that the troubles and agitation in our capitals and in numerous other places fill our heart with excessive pain and sorrow.

The happiness of the Russian people is indissolubly bound up with the happiness of our people and the sorrow of our people is the sorrow of the sovereign.

From the present disorders may arise great national disruption. They menace the integrity and unity of our empire.

The supreme duty imposed upon us by our sovereign office requires us to take counsel and to use all the force and reason at our command to hasten in securing the unity and co-ordination of the power of the central government; and to assure the success of measures to pacification in all circles of public life, which are essential to the well-being of our people.

We therefore direct our government to carry out our inflexible will in the following manner:

First—To extend to the population the immutable foundations of civil liberty, based on the real inalienability of person, freedom of conscience, speech, union and association.

Second—Without suspending the already ordered elections to the state duma, so far as the limited time before the convocation of the duma will permit, those classes of the population now completely deprived of electoral rights, leaving the ultimate development of the principle of the electoral right in general to the newly established legislative order of things.

Third—To establish as an unchangeable rule that no law shall be enforceable without the approval of the state duma and that it shall be possible for the elected of the people to exercise real participation in the supervision of the legality of the acts of the authorities appointed by us.

We appeal to all faithful sons of Russia to remember their duty towards the fatherland, to aid in terminating these unprecedented troubles and to apply their forces, in co-operation with us, to the restoration of calm and peace upon our natal soil.

Given at Peterhof, October 30, in the eleventh year of our reign.

NICHOLAS

## Fruit Trees.

A moist fall like this is best for planting Apple, Pear, Peach, Plum, Cherry and other trees and shrubs. Also for Grapevines, Blackberries, Currants and Gooseberries. Large stock, best new and old varieties. Digging and packing last week in October.

CHAS. TEUBNER,  
Lexington Nursery.

## Farms For Sale.

Having more land than I can conveniently look after outside of this state, I will sell one or two of my farms in Lafayette county, well located for schools and churches, 3 of said farms near Dover and two near Higginsville, ranging in size from 150 to 200 acres each. Will sell at \$10 per acre less than my neighbors with no better soil.

RYLAND TUDHUNTER,  
Lexington, Mo.

## Homes Wanted for Orphan Boys.

We have on hand boys ranging in ages from three months to twelve years. We are anxious to place them in good Christian families. References required. For further information address,

REV. C. C. STAHMANN,  
State Superintendent The Children's Home Society, 810 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

WANTED—A salesman to sell oil as a side line. One who visits mills, electric light plants and coal mines, preferred. Apply.

GEORGE P. JONES & COMPANY,  
St. Louis, Missouri

A. S. Loomis went to Sedalia Thursday morning on business.

Notice To Bridge Contractors.  
I will let to the lowest and best bidder, for construction on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 A. D. 1905  
One Wooden A Truss Bridge 28 feet span, with 16 ft. approach, to be built across branch on Odessa and Bates City road, in Sec. 22, T. 49, R. 28, about 2 miles east of Bates City.

Letting will be at bridge site at 10 o'clock a. m.  
Plan and specification can be seen at time and place of letting.

Contractor to give bond for maintenance of bridge.

Commissioner reserves right to reject any and all bids.  
B. D. WEEDIN,  
Commissioner.

## FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and other persons interested in the estate of George W. Johnson, deceased, that the undersigned administrator will apply to make a final settlement of said estate at the November term, 1905, of the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri, to be begun and held at the probate court room, in the city of Lexington, on the second Monday in November, 1905.

VIRGINIA P. JOHNSON,  
Administrator.

## CLOSING OUT PUBLIC SALE

OF THOROUGHBRED

## Short-Horn Cattle

The Property of

## N. M. COOPER,

HIGGINSVILLE, MO.

To be sold at his Farm, Six Miles Northwest of  
Higginsville and Eight Miles Southeast  
of Lexington, on

Wednesday,  
Nov. 8, 1905

Sale will Begin Promptly at 10 A. M.  
Sale will be Held Under Cover,

Col. J. W. Sparks, - Marshall, Mo.,  
AUCTIONEER.

Write for Catalogue to

## N. M. COOPER,

Higginsville, Mo.

Lunch on ground at 12 o'clock.

Will meet parties from a distance at Higginsville  
and Winton, Mo.

## Western Kansas Land

We have for sale good, cheap land in Sherman County, Kansas. The land is smooth and level, with the best water. The prices from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per acre. This land produces corn, both winter and spring wheat, oats, barley, cane, broom corn, and all other crops that are grown in Western Missouri, or Eastern Kansas.

To appreciate this opportunity to secure a good, cheap home you must see the land or call at the Commercial Hotel, Lexington, Mo., on Nov. 2d, 3d, or 4th, and I will give you all information about this country.

Excursions Nov. 7th & 21st to see land. Low rates.

JOHN N. EAGAN,

Land and Immigrant Agent for the Rock Island System.

## Palmer's Restaurant!

Have opened up a first-class Short Order Restaurant and Eating House in the old city hotel block and solicit a share of the public patronage. Building completely remodeled, refitted and everything first-class in every particular. Come in and see us when in town attending court.

WM. PALMER

## PROBATE COURT DOCKET.

November Terms 1905.

- 1st Day Monday November 13, 1905.
1. Meinershagen, Arthur and Selma minors; F. G. Meinershagen executor.
2. Baepier, Henry Sr., deceased; Henry Baepier administrator with will annexed.
3. Lewis, Albert S., insane; Ephraim Lewis, guardian.
4. Hendricks, Robert J., insane; Henry W. Thleman guardian.
5. Jung, George deceased; Wilhelm Jung and John R. Jung executors.
6. Buck, Grover C., minor; N. P. Buck executor.
7. Freerking, August minor; H. D. E. Freerking executor.
8. Green, Colorado P., minor; A. E. Greens executor.
9. Fahr, Clara, minor; Fred Schoppenhorst executor.
- 9 1/2. Leroy L. Hill, deceased; W. D. Wilson public administrator.
- 2nd Day Tuesday November 14.
10. Kresse, Carl deceased; Albert Kresse executor.
11. Johnson, George W., deceased; Virginia P. Johnson administratrix.
12. Parrott, Albert E., deceased; Samuel L. McBurney administrator.
13. Graves, Maggie insane; Samuel L. McBurney guardian.
14. Fagan, Patrick deceased; Frances L. Kennedy administratrix.
15. Stout, John A., insane; John W. White guardian.
16. Freerking, Adolf C., et al, minors; Louis Freerking executor.
17. Carter, Thomas E., minor; Josephine Carter executrix.
18. Hader, Ernest deceased; Sarah Hader administratrix.
19. Parks, Edward F., insane; John W. Parks guardian.
- 3rd Day Wednesday November 15.
20. Porter, George deceased; Geo. H. Plattenburg administrator.
21. Fuels, Adolf and Martha, minors; Andrew Fuels executor.
22. Williams, Madison deceased; M. D. Wilson public administrator.
23. Renick, Rebecca H., deceased; Robert Gillespie executor.
24. Newland, Joseph W., deceased; Lydia F. Newland administratrix.
25. Barnett, Mary E., minor; Margaret Barnett executrix.
26. Lee, Booker minor; R. S. Andrews executor.
27. Fleet, Merry D., et al, minors; W. B. Fleet executor.
28. Newhaus, Frederick deceased; P. H. Koppensbrink administrator De Bonis Non.
- 4th Day Thursday November 16.
29. Carpenter, Anna C., minor; John A. Mann executor.
30. Mark Bros., Partnership; Leona E. Mark administratrix.
31. Livengood, John M., deceased; Laura E. Livengood executrix.
32. Johnson, Claud et al minors; Virginia P. Johnson executrix.
33. Thomas, Braxton H., deceased; Fannie E. Thomas administratrix.
34. May, Charles deceased; John H. Dierker administrator.
35. Gruber, Casper and Robert minors; M. D. Wilson executor.
36. Mason, Kipling E., minor; Irvin Mason executor.
37. Steele, Marjorie minor; Louis H. Lake guardian.
38. Stallfort, Julius deceased; U. G. Phetzing administrator.
- 5th Day Friday November 17.
39. Graham, Gordon minor; M. Wilson public administrator.
40. Hall, Mary C., deceased; M. Wilson public administrator.
41. Plattenburg, George deceased; John R. Plattenburg administrator.
42. Hall, Alice insane; T. C. guardian.
43. Scott, J. W., deceased; M. C. Scott executrix.
44. Smith, Chas., et al minors; Lucy A. Smith executrix.
45. Uphaus, August insane; S. Klingenberg guardian.
46. Barnard, Zed minor; Robnett executor.
47. Trobaugh, Alexander deceased; L. E. Trobaugh administratrix.
48. Bauerle, Louis deceased; Sop Bauerle executrix.
49. Salyers, Frank insane; Walter M. Salyers guardian.

Executors, administrators, guardians and curators are strictly required to make their settlements on the day on which their cases are set.

JAMES P. CHINN,  
Judge of Probate.

## APPLICATION FOR ORDER OF DISTRIBUTION.

Estate of Leroy L. Hill, Deceased.

In the Probate Court of Lafayette County, Mo., November Term, 1905.

To James Hill, if living, and if dead, then to his Widow and Heirs at Law, if any; also to Leroy Hill and Frances Middleton, all of whom are part of the heirs at law of Leroy L. Hill, deceased, and who are all non-residents of the State of Missouri.

You are hereby notified that I, M. D. Wilson, former Public Administrator of Lafayette County, Mo., and as such in charge of the estate of Leroy L. Hill, deceased, will apply to the Probate Court of Lafayette County, Mo., at the next November term, to be held and commenced on November 15, 1905, at Lexington, Mo., for an order of final distribution of the balance of the assets in my hands as such administrator on final settlement of said estate. And you are notified to appear in said court on November 15, 1905, if you desire to make objections to the order of distribution to be made in said estate at that time.

M. D. WILSON,  
Former Public Administrator of Lafayette County, Mo., and as such having in charge the estate of Leroy L. Hill, deceased.